MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis 31, Missouri

10 October 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Officers and other Members of the Missouri Numismatic Society wish to thank you for your most interesting talk at our Monday, 9 October 1961 meeting. It was nice to have you with us, and we hope your future schedules will permit other visits from time to time.

I am inclosing a draft written substantially along the lines of those which I read to you after the meeting Monday. Please look it over and make any changes you think desirable in view of the legal aspect involved. As you edit it, it will become a part of the regular monthly news release which I send after each meeting to

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I am also inclosing another copy of our October Club Bulletin, which you asked for.

I would appreciate your returning the news release draft as soon as possible so that I may meet the required publication deadlines.

Cordially,

Bernice Stevenson

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

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St. Louis, Mo.
March 16, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman,
6480 Cecil Av.,
Clayton, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as Program Chairman of the Missouri Numismatic Society. We have not met, but I have often read your articles in the numismatic publications and found them to be both interesting and informative.

I am writing to you to ask if you would participate in our educational program at a meeting. Your presence as a program speaker is always met with great enthusiasm by all Missouri Numismatic Society members. If you would like to be a program speaker, is either the meeting on April 12 or May 10 satisfactory ? I must apologize for this request at such a late date and with such a short notice.

In a conversation with Mrs. John Stevenson, she mentioned a recent meeting with you, and expressed her hope that I would call upon you to contribute to the program at one of our remaining meetings of the current year. Please feel free to reply by either letter or telephone.

Respectfully

Melvin A. Hock

Melvin A. Hock
5402 Idaho Ave.
St. Louis, Mo. 63111

Pl. 2-3870

March 25, 1965

Mr.Melvin A. Hock
5402 Idaho Avenue
St.Louis, Missouri 63111

Dear Mr. Hoch:

Your nice letter of March 18, 1965 is at hand and if you wish I will give your program on May 10, 1965. I would prefer this date rather than the earlier date because I believe my son will be home from college for his Spring vacation on the earlier date.

You might suggest what subject matter would be of most interest.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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April 19, 1960

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.,
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I thank you for your reply to be a speaker at our meeting of May 10, 1960. I took the liberty to make an announcement as such at our meeting this past week and was met with great enthusiasm. As for the subject is concerned, I would appreciate if you would use a topic of your choice. Whatever the topic, it will certainly be of an educational benefit to the members in attendance.

If possible, I would appreciate a list of some of your books, articles, etc. which I could use in your introduction at the meeting. Also, Mrs. J. Stevenson would appreciate a copy of your talk which she can use as publicity for our organization.

Sincerely yours,

Melvin A. Hock

P. S. Mrs. J. Stevenson has given me an envelope of publicity clippings for you which I will bring to the meeting on May 10, 1960

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
1621 Olive St.
St. Louis, Missouri - 63103

ANA MEMBER NO. 7183 ORGANIZED 1938 CSNS MEMBER NO.850

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The 278 meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society will be held on Monday night May 10, 1965 at 8:00 PM at Hotel Sheritan Jefferson 415 N. 12th St. St. Louis, Mo.

I hope to see you at this meeting. As you know this will be the meeting that nominations will be accepted and the last meeting that they will be accepted for election at our June meeting.

FLASH FLASH

Mel Hock announced that Eric Newman will talk on '' The Forgery and Alteration Menace '', this promices to be an interesting talk and will warrent all of our attendance.

Ed Boehm has asked that all members of the A N A please inform him of your membership at FL 2 3741.

Don Scherer sect. of the A N A was in St. Louis last week looking over our town and facileities for the 1970 A N A convention.

Don't forget 8:00 PM May 10, 1965 at the Jefferson,

SEE YOU THERE.

John C. Schanzle Jr.

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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

25 January 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman, MNS #4
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Congratulations to the 1967 Assay Commission for having such a learned, astute Numismatist as one of its members! John and I know you will make a real contribution, and we both hope you'll enjoy every minute of it. Many of our other members send warm congratulations too.

You'll recall, Eric, that the latter part of last year, you very graciously consented to speak to our Society at one of our 1967 meetings.

Would it be convenient for you to speak at our Monday, 10 April 1967 meeting? It would be necessary that I know your subject no later than Friday, 31 March, as I mail out the bulletins the next day; i.e., Saturday, 1 April. If you should know your subject sooner and could so inform me earlier, that would be even better as our members always enjoy hearing you so much and I know will want to plan to attend.

May I ask that you give it some thought and let us know, either by letter or phone (HEmpstead 4-2870), whether you can be with us on that date? At the time you inform us of your subject, we would also want to know of any special equipment requirements you might desire.

John and I are heading for The Bahamas two weeks beginning 12 March, returning to St. Louis, Monday, 27 March, so I won't be available for those 2 weeks plus the few days immediately preceding which we'll utilize to drive to Florida. I mention this so you won't waste your time trying to reach us during those dates.

We all hope your busy schedule will permit you to be with us. Surely we are all most appreciative of your taking time out from your many activities to share with us your time, knowledge, and talents. Your continued generous participation and cooperation

add so much to the prestige of our fine Society, of which you have always been such an important member!

If it is immediately evident upon receipt of this letter, that you cannot be with us on 10 April, I would appreciate being so informed so we can arrange for a substitute speaker. We hope this won't be necessary! We are selfish enough to want you!!

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson
Secretary

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 7, 1967

Mrs. Bernice Stevenson
Missouri Numismatic Society of St.Louis
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Dear Bernice:

Thank you for asking me to talk at the Missouri Numismatic Society on April 10, 1967. I will be glad to do so, subject to unforseen complications.

We can talk about the topic before you start your winter vacation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
3500 Ridgedale Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri - 63121
Phone: Area Code 314 - 260424

27 February 1967

Mr. Amon Carter, Jr.
% Ft. Worth Star Telegram
Ft. Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

On Saturday and Sunday, 5 & 6 August 1967, the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis -- founded in 1938, operating constantly since that date, and selected host to the 1970 American Numismatic Association Convention -- is staging its 8th Annual Coin Festival at the St. Louis Gateway Hotel (formerly Statler-Hilton), 9th and Washington, St. Louis.

At that time, fifty (50) dealers of national repute will participate, and we hope, as well, to present an array of varied outstanding numismatic exhibits.

We are happy to report that according to past participating dealers, our show has attained a reputation as one of the nation's best. We normally attract some 3,500 people due, in part, to widespread publicity made possible by ambitious Press, TV, and Radio coverage which we have been privileged to enjoy. We expect this year's Festival to be no exception.

In the past, we have featured such outstanding exhibits as first edition rare numismatic books, one of the two known 1776 Continental Silver Dollars, and the finest known specimen of the 1792 Silver Center Cent, all through the courtesy of MNS Charter Member Eric Newman, whom, we understand, you know. Also one of the rare 1913 Liberty Head Nickels, and the 1913 Copper Buffalo Nickel at which time we featured Chief John Big Tree who, as you know, is the only remaining Indian of the three who posed for the nickel.

At this year's Festival, we would like very much to feature an 1804 dollar. In a conversation this date with Mr. Eric Newman, he suggested you as a possible source from which to obtain this item. In order to serve advance publicity purposes, we would like, if at all possible, to have the dollar no later than Tuesday, 1 August 1967, and would return it to you the day following termination of the Festival; i.e., on Monday, 7 August 1967. If you would prefer not to release it for such a long period of time, we would, of course, gear our advance publicity to accommodate your wishes.

During Festival hours, maximum security would be maintained by a guard reserved especially for continuous surveillance of your exhibit. We would arrange with the hotel management to keep the exhibit in the hotel vault during non-operating Festival hours. Naturally, we would expect to pay any expenses related to the shipment and security of your coin.

If you should prefer, Mr. Newman has graciously offered to receive and assume responsibility for the dollar prior to opening of the Festival. If, however, you should prefer to send the coin directly to me, I assure you that maximum security will be maintained at all times.

May we solicit your indulgence and consideration in this matter, Mr. Carter? We would be most grateful for the loan of this dollar as we know it would add much to the prestige of our Festival, and would be very much in line with the primary objective of our Society -- that of numismatic education.

I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible, as we already have begun national Festival publicity and are anxious to include information regarding our featured exhibit.

Many, many thanks, Mr. Carter. We sincerely hope you will find it possible, and will be so disposed as to lend us this valuable numismatic item for Festival exhibition.

Cordially,

DAVID L. COOPER, CHAIRMAN
MNS 8th Annual Coin Festival

cc:
Mr. Eric Newman

Sunday
2 April 1967

Hi, Eric --

Received the newspaper clipping. Quite a write-up, and -- you deserved every good word! Many thanks for the clipping. I assume I may keep it. If not, just let me know at the meeting and I'll return it to you.

I forgot to mention, when talking with you, about any projector and/or screen requirements you may have for the meeting presentation. If you want us to bring either or both, please call me as soon as possible and let me know. (HEmpstead 4-2870). I will make any necessary arrangements. If I do not hear from you, I'll assume you want us to bring nothing, and will take no action.

Thought you might like several unfolded copies of our MMS April bulletin. Also some clippings we've been saving for you.

We're surely looking forward to seeing you, and seeing and hearing your presentation. See you soon! Umpteen thanks for everything!!!

Most sincerely,

Bink & John

Bink 'n John

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 11, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson
19 Roclaire Lane
St. Louis, Missouri 63131

Dear Bink and John:

Your thoughtfulness in connection with the program I gave was sincerely appreciated. I was so surprised by seeing my name on top of the two sheet cakes as that was far and beyond the call of duty. My wife put the lettering in our deep freeze for a proper occasion in the future.

Your words of introduction were most gracious and I hope I did not talk too long about a "long-haired" subject.

I am enclosing, as promised, photocopies of the beginning of the talk which I gave and this portion can be used in any way you feel is desirable. I have no objection to you summarizing other portions of the talk, just so long as the text is not used.

I hope I was not impolite in taking the printed portion away too early. I wanted to talk to you but the visitors around the table took the bulk of the time available.

It is a pleasure to work with you at any time and I thank you for the many pleasantries you have provided for me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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P.S. Thanks for all the documentary material, too.

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To
Mrs. John Stevenson
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis 63131

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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

26 April 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman, MNS #4
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis -- conceived so long ago by you, along with several other dedicated and visionary Numismatists -- to forward to you an American Numismatic Association Educational Award Certificate for your presentation, "Numismatics At The Crossroads" at our Monday, April 10, 1967 meeting in the Cafe de Ville Room of Holiday Inn, Mid-Town.

Our Society appreciates tremendously, and is most grateful for your generous contribution of time, effort, and wealth of Numismatic knowledge shared with us from time to time at our various monthly meetings. We are well aware of the constant and ever-increasing demands upon your time by numismatic circles, and thank you most sincerely not only for your ever-gracious cooperation and willingness to participate in our monthly programs, but for your significant contributions to our annual coin festivals.

Your presentation at our last meeting -- indicative of tremendous research, and reporting important, factual findings of a unique era in American Numismatics -- was especially interesting in view of its international aspect.

I was especially grateful for the excerpt which you furnished for use in a news release of our meeting's activities. For your information, I am inclosing a copy of that news release which I hope you will find within your prescribed boundaries. Should you desire them, I have several other copies available which I shall be most happy to send to you.

I should like to invite your particular attention to the last word, "currently", of the fourth line on page 5. In the notes you furnished, this corner was missing. Since the sentence appeared to be unfinished, I took the liberty of supplying a word which, from our own observations of "Coin World", would seem to be appropriate.

Please note also the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 7 and continuing on page 8. Your statement regarding the theory-to-fact relationship most surely is the intelligent, practical approach, and I felt it should be included.

Again, please accept our grateful thanks, Mr. Newman. We always welcome your participation in our meetings, and wish for you a continued long, gratifying career, professionally and personally.

Cordially,

"Bink"

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

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I think you should put your picture in your books!

19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Mo. 63131
26 April 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your gracious letter of 11 April, and for your time and information during our various telephone conversations in connection with your appearance 10 April 1967 at our monthly meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society.

You always have such good ideas, and John and I both thought you were most generous in giving us a preview of the information you assembled for the report requested by the International Numismatic Commission relating to their August 1967 Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark. My, what a terrific job that must have been! Wherever did you find the time???

Replying to your comment about possibly talking too long, of course you didn't! Those truly interested in Numismatics realize what a privilege it is to hear you, and the way I see it, any "wheelers and dealers" that may have been there, don't count! AND -- even tho John and I always enjoy talking with you tremendously, we realize that we must share you with others, so never be concerned that we may think you "impolite".

We are so pleased that you deem us worthy of a copy of your latest book! Perhaps when we pick it up, we can deliver the auction catalogues we have for you. Just let us know the time. In the meantime, keep up all that wonderful numismatic work. You are really somep'n!!

Sincerely,

Barbara Ann John

You're a lawyer! Is there any reason (legal) why your "1804" book couldn't be sold at the Festival???

Eric — Please read note on bottom of Pg 2. before finishing letter.

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

17 May 1967

Miss LaVerne Boulware
Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis
607 N. Grand
St. Louis, Mo. 63103

Dear Miss Boulware:

Thank you for the information you gave to me recently over the telephone concerning the possibility of the inclusion in the Arts and Education Council "Monthly Calendar of Cultural Events", the 8th Annual Coin Festival of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis, to be held at the St. Louis Gateway Motel, Saturday and Sunday, August 5 & 6, 1967.

So that the Arts and Education Council may make a better determination as to the propriety of this, I would like to review for you a few facts about our Society, its activities, and Numismatics in general.

Our official name is The Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis. We are Missouri's oldest Educational Coin Club, having been organized by Constitution in February 1938, and operating continuously since that date. Even though coin collecting is one of America's most popular hobbies, to the true Numismatist, it is more than just a hobby.

For the benefit of the non-Numismatists among your group, Webster defines "Numismatics" as "The Science of Coins and Medals". Under our operating Constitution and By-Laws, we are a non-profit-making organization dedicated, among other objectives, "to encourage and promote the Science of Numismatics by the acquisition and study of coins, paper money, and medals; to cultivate and stimulate friendly relations among collectors, students, dealers, and kindred organizations; to encourage and assist amateur collectors and to foster the interest of youth in Numismatics; to acquire and disperse numismatic knowledge; --- to demonstrate the fact that Numismatics is an educational and entertaining pursuit; ---".

I understand you have on your Council Mr. Eric P. Newman, considered by many in a position to know, one of America's foremost numismatic authorities. As a prominent researcher, author, and lecturer in this field, Mr. Newman can attest to the multi-educational aspects of Numismatics. To mention a few of these, numismatic material represents by design and composition the recording of important historical events; the portrayal of important personages, both as to

physical make-up and related dates; a reflection of the country's economic situation by the type and quantity of metals used; the beauty and various processes of engraving; political trends of the country; and many, many more educational aspects reflecting both domestic and international situations and personages.

At our Society's 8th Annual Coin Festival, there will be gathered in one spot, for the convenience of the interested public who attend from miles and miles around, 50 dealers in numismatic material representing 13 States of the Union, plus Hawaii, Canada, and Great Britain.

This year we are featuring, among other outstanding exhibits, the controversial 1804 Silver Dollar from the Amon Carter, Jr. Collection, a coin which for years has fomented discussion, research, and curiosity among, by, and of many Numismatists. One has but to leaf through a few pages of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" authored by Eric P. Newman and Kenneth E. Bressett, to realize the importance and far-reaching impact of our coinage related to the times.

We would greatly appreciate the consideration of your Council in this matter, and are hopeful that for these, and many other reasons too numerous to mention, you and your colleagues will share the opinion of the true Numismatist, that Numismatics do indeed represent both art and education, and that an event such as the 8th Annual Coin Festival of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis is both appropriate for, and worthy of inclusion in the August 1967 "Monthly Calendar of Cultural Events" compiled by The Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

✓cc:
Eric P. Newman

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Hi, Eric! I wanted to explain how your name got into this situation, as I hope you know, I would never intentionally do anything to embarrass you in any way or place you into a difficult situation.

When I called Miss Boulware to ask if our Festival could be included in their August 1967 monthly calendar (since I noticed they had listings under "Other Events"), I, of course, tried to highlight the educational aspects of "Numismatics". In so doing, I mentioned that one of our Society's Charter Members, Eric P. Newman, was considered by many as one of our country's numismatic authorities. She at once replied: "He is on our Council". In view of that, and the fact that we are featuring the 1804 Dollar at the Festival, I thought you wouldn't mind my references to you in the letter. I hope you will agree! -- Most sincerely,

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

12 December 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for taking the time to call me back, and to talk with me at such length over the phone recently.

Being one of its founders -- bless you! -- you are well aware that next year our Missouri Numismatic Society will observe its 30th anniversary, having been established in 1938.

We would like very much to have as our speaker for the occasion, the Mint Director, Eva Adams. Since you know Miss (?) Adams personally, and rightfully enjoy such tremendous prestige in the world of Numismatics, our Society wondered if you would be kind enough to make this contact for us.

Specifically, it is planned to celebrate the occasion at any of our regular monthly meetings, the second Monday of any month February through June 1968, to suit her, and your convenience, as we would hope you, too, would be present and would introduce her.

This means the dates of

12 February
11 March
8 April
13 May
10 June

The meeting would convene at 8 PM at Holiday Inn, Mid-town, at Taylor and Lindell.

We would need to know

1 - What expenses would be involved.

2 - What local arrangements Miss Adams would like to have us consummate for her, to include any publicity such as radio and TV appearances, and news press releases for which we would appreciate being furnished approved publicity material.

3 - Her selected subject to be received no later than 3 weeks prior to the meeting night to assure ample publicity time.

We do appreciate your cooperation, Eric. It is so nice of you to support our Society so consistently faithfully and effectively. We are well aware of your tremendously busy schedule, both business and personal-wise, and are grateful to you for sharing your time, efforts, talents, and experience with us so generously, and without financial remuneration.

After the 30th year celebration date has been established, we shall be getting in touch with you about speaking yourself at one of our meetings which you have so graciously consented to do once again. You, too, will have a choice of dates.

We thought perhaps you might like to touch upon your experiences at the International Numismatic Convention in Copenhagen, and then devote the preponderance of your time speaking about counterfeiting as related to Numismatics. If you could gear your remarks in the area of from 30-45 minutes, it would leave some time for questions and answers, which as you well know is always a popular feature of your appearances at our meetings. Any accompanying exhibits would be gratefully received and extremely interesting to our membership.

Many, many thanks, Eric. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOURS!!

If you will inform me of the results of your efforts regarding Miss Adams, I will "start the ball rolling" at this end at once.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

HEmpstead 4-2870

P.S. I am leaving the city Thursday, 14 December, and will return Christmas-day eve, 25 December 1967.

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

29 January 1968

Miss Eva Adams, Mint Director
The Philadelphia Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Adams:

This year our Society is celebrating its 30th Annual Anniversary which we think is an important milestone in the history of our organization.

In exploring a possible eminent speaker for this occasion, we of course thought immediately of you. With this in mind, we are taking the liberty of addressing the following questions to you.

1 - Does your busy schedule and/or Mint policy ever permit such participation in numismatic organizations of the local level?

2 - If so, would you favorably consider an appearance at one of our monthly meetings the second Monday of the months of February through May this year? This would mean the dates of

12 February
11 March
8 April
13 May

The meeting would convene at 8 PM at Holiday Inn, Mid-town, at Taylor and Lindell, St. Louis.

3 - Assuming you did come, what expenses would be involved?

Having been conceived in February 1938 by such staunch Numismatists as Eric P. Newman (of whom we are most proud!), our Society has operated continuously since that date. We consistently maintain an annual membership of from 250-300 members, and our monthly meetings average an attendance of from 100-125. Of course your participation would prompt a much, much larger attendance!

I am happy to report that our Society boasts of three Assay Commission members -- Eric P. Newman, Cab Atkins, and John S. Stevenson. In addition, our annual Coin Festival activities have

Miss Eva Adams 29 January 1968

resulted in our Society being named host to the 1970 American Numismatic Association Convention, as well as host to the 1971 Convention of the Central States Numismatic Society.

We would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration to our invitation, Miss Adams. Surely it would add auspiciousness to our occasion, and of equal importance, enhance immeasurably the area numismatic climate.

Respectfully,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson
Secretary

cc:
Eric P. Newman
(Not shown on original copy)

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29 January 1968

Hello, Eric!

Thanks for your time and sympathetic consideration over the phone today. I know you are always very busy and appreciate your taking the time to talk with me.

I hope it was all right to mention your name in connection with the founding of our Society. As shown above, I did not note on Miss Adams' copy of this letter that you were being furnished a copy.

Will keep you informed of the results.

Cordially,

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

27 February 1968

Miss Eva Adams
Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Miss Adams:

On 29 January 1968, I addressed to you, to the Philadelphia Mint, a letter inviting you to participate as speaker, in our Society's 50th Annual Anniversary program. Copy of that letter is inclosed.

Since that time, the thought occurred to me that my letter may not have reached you due to its being sent to the Philadelphia Mint instead of to Washington, D. C.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold:

1 - To readdress my former communication to you in Washington, and

2 - To inform you that I shall be out of the city until approximately 23 March 1968. Hence, I respectfully request that your reply be addressed to our Vice-President whose name and address are shown below:

Mr. David L. Cooper
3500 Ridgedale
St. Louis, Missouri 63121

We are so hoping that your policy, and your busy schedule will permit you to be with us on one of the dates mentioned in my 29 January 1968 letter, which will represent such an important occasion in our Society's history. An early reply would be most gratefully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson
Secretary

cc:
David L. Cooper
Eric Newman (not indicated on original)
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Cy ltr 1/29/68, Stevenson to Adams

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
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1 April 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

This confirms our phone conversation of Thursday, 28 March 1968.

The officers of the Missouri Numismatic Society were delighted to learn of your gracious acceptance of our invitation to speak at our 30th Anniversary Celebration, 8 PM, Monday, 8 April 1968, in the Cafe de Ville Room of Holiday Inn, Mid-town, 4483 Lindell, St. Louis. Being one of the few remaining Society Charter Members, your participation in this event will be especially timely.

As mentioned over the phone and in my letter of 12 December 1967, we know our members will appreciate the unusual opportunity to hear highlights of the International Convention in Copenhagen, and we are sure your selected feature subject, "How To Forge Coins For Pleasure and Profit" will prove stimulating and highly interesting. Any accompanying exhibits would be most welcome. Also any written notes which our Publicity Chairman might use in accurately reporting your speech to the various numismatic publications would be gratefully received.

A program of some 30-45 minutes duration would leave time for questions and answers which we both know from past experience is a popular feature of your Society presentations. If you could arrive some 10-15 minutes prior to 8 PM, it would allow a few moments to set up the necessary equipment ahead of time so our meeting can start promptly at 8 PM. When you are speaking, we never like to lose a minute of time!

Please call me if there is any special equipment you wish our Society to furnish. We have a Carousel Projector, a regular home-type size screen, and sufficient extension cords to accommodate any equipment location. Advance notice will permit us to reserve a display table for any exhibits you might be bringing.

We are looking forward to having you with us once again, Eric. We consider you our annual "treat", and do appreciate and thank you for your generous cooperation.

Cordially,

Bernice

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson
Secretary

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MNS Bulletin #8, 4/1/68

1 April 1967

Thanks a mint, Eric.

You are a sweetheart to do this for us, and on such short notice!

Sorry I can't send any better looking bulletin. Just got the mimeograph back from the repair shop & it still won't print properly in certain areas.

See you next Monday. Of course you know Mr. Peterman is always welcome!

J Sink

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
30th Anniversary Meeting
8:00 PM, Monday, 8 April 1968, Holiday Inn, Mid-town

REPORT OF PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY CHARTER MEMBER #4, ERIC P. NEWMAN

The significance of the occasion was further enhanced by the very appropriate qualifications of the speaker who not only ~~was~~ is a Charter Member of the Society, but is widely recognized as an eminent numismatic authority, educator, lecturer, and author.

Presenting excerpts from a talk titled: "Coin Forgery Approaches Perfection" which he, as one of eight official United States representatives, gave at the International Numismatic Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark August of 1967, Mr. Eric P. Newman spoke to the group on the intriguing subject: "How To Forge Coins For Pleasure And Profit". (Reporter's note: The October 4, 1967 issue of Coin World reported "Observers noted that the forgery address was a 'big hit' at the scholarly congress", commenting further that Newman had expressed the opinion that the talk might be of tremendous interest to collectors as the first complete exposé of modern methods of making false dies to strike false coins.)

In his MNS presentation, Newman cited in detail jet honing methods by which proof appearance is simulated and scratches and nicks are removed. He defined "Counterfeiting" as the imitating of something genuine at the time it passed from hand to hand as money, and "Forgery" as the making of coins to sell to collectors.

By the use of slides, he discussed the John Parsons & Company 1860 20-dollar gold ingot, noting that the first publicized piece resides in the Lilly collection. He commented on the recent appearance of other 20-dollar ingots, followed by 10 and 50-dollar pieces, apparently made with the same letter punches. Of special interest was his method of determining the genuineness of the ingot and other items, even pursuing in some instances the date of manufacture of related items such as holders represented as original containers but embodying various material components of recent origin (adhesive tape, hinges, cloth, etc.).

He also showed slides of the Brasher Doubloon and then tried to demonstrate that it was not a doubloon, but an essay in gold of dies prepared to strike copper coins, speculating that its use probably was to give to the New York legislators as inducements to obtain a New York coinage franchise. He pointed out that the gold essays had no milling or other decoration on the edge, thereby making it highly improbable that they were intended to be Doubloons.

Discussing ~~describing~~ the Brasher Spanish Doubloon, Newman pointed out all the incongruous elements with respect to the piece such as two different dates on the same coin; different letter punches from the 1787 Doubloon; improper weight, etc. He also observed that the Spanish Doubloon was never listed in the Standard Catalogue by Wayte Raymond who was on the original committee to study the Brasher Spanish Doubloon.

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

19 April 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

The officers and members of our Missouri Numismatic Society appreciated and enjoyed so much your participation in our 30th anniversary meeting and program celebrated at our 307th meeting held at 8 PM, Monday, 8 April 1968 in the Cafe de Ville Room of Holiday Inn, Mid-town, St. Louis.

Your status as a Charter Member and one of 15 Founders of our Society, and as an eminent numismatic author, educator, and researcher did indeed add to the significance and prestige of the occasion.

Needless to say, your exploration into, and detailed presentation of the intriguing subject: "How To Forge Coins For Pleasure And Profit", and your accounting of highlights of the International Numismatic Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, August 1967, stirred one's imagination. Even more important, they afforded our members and guests -- of which there were 108 -- an unusual opportunity for a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a not-often-publicized unfortunately related aspect of Numismatics, and to learn something of the workings of an authoritative numismatic researcher.

Please accept our most sincere thanks for sharing with us so generously your numismatic knowledge and talents. We especially appreciated your gracious acceptance of our short-notice invitation, and hasten to express the mutual feeling and opinion of our MNS officers and board members that Miss Adams herself could not have contributed more significantly to the occasion.

Your fellow MNS members congratulate you on your well deserved eminency in the World of Numismatics, and wish you every continued success and opportunity to gratify your numismatic pursuits and ambitions.

Cordially,

Bernice Stevenson

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

Thanks ever so much for doing
your both thoroughly fine
jobs, Dick. It was
just exciting, and MMS is most
fortunate in having the frequent
recipient of your sustained effective
interest in her society and your
terrific research endeavors. I,
personally, am most grateful for
your gracious publicity elaboration.
Enclosed is a copy of the note I
sent to our Publicity Chairman,
Bill Wallace — he will
incorporate in the overall publicity
report. I tried to report it
verbatim as nearly all sent in no
way to reflect unfavorably upon you
and your work by inaccurate reporting.
Best wishes always! John says
"Hi!"

Dear Eric

Just dropping a line

To say "Thank You" today

For being so nice

In your own special way!

Most appreciatively,

Dick Stevens

Did you think to look
in the publications John & I
brought to you at the meeting,
for your German pamphlet?
Perhaps you stuck it in there
I will remember, however,
to announce it at the meeting
May 13th. Surely hope it
turns up. If not, let me
know if I can aid replacement
pursuit in any way. I'm
most unhappy about it, as, I
know, you're.

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August 16, 1968

Received of Eric P. Newman, for use in connection with the television program for the St. Louis Coin Festival, an original 1879 stella, in proof condition, weighing 108½ grains and one 1852 U.S.Assay Office of Gold $50 octagonal slug 887 fine, in very fine condition.

These are to be returned promptly after the program.

David L. Cooper

Returned by Dave
10:35 AM 8/16/68
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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Missouri - 63131

20 September 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman, MNS #4
Founder, Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

By now we are sure you know -- or at least we hope you know! -- how very much the members of our Society appreciate your many generous gestures of assistance which contribute so significantly to the success of our annual Coin Festivals. This year was no exception.

Viewers' interest indicated that the $4.00 Gold "Stella" and the $50.00 Gold Ingot which you loaned us, enhanced by the attractive display case, found great public favor and perpetuated in a most commendable way the high standards of performance which we constantly strive to maintain in these annual numismatic endeavors.

This year your frequent patronage of the festival added new stature, and we are all most grateful for your assistance in entertaining visiting A.N.A. Board Member Glenn Smedley who reiterated on several occasions how much he enjoyed and appreciated your time together.

We hope you were pleased with our Society's decision to name our annual festival "Best of Show" award the "Eric P. Newman Award". Surely this parallel is consistent with your long-time continuing beneficial contributions to Numismatics. A photograph of the award presentation by you to receiving M.N.S. member Marion A. Myers of Hazelwood, Missouri for his exhibit "Abraham Lincoln -- A Man To Remember", is inclosed.

Festival Chairman Dave Cooper and our Board Members join me in extending our personal thanks to you, and in sending sincere congratulations for the awarding to you of the A.N.A. 1967 bronze "Heath Literary Award" for "Lessons in Modern Day Counterfeiting", and the 1968 Numismatic News "Nathan Gold Memorial Award" for your outstanding contributions in the area of Colonial numismatics. We are proud of you!

Cordially,

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,
Secretary

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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
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(Area Code 314) (434-2870)

16 September 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman, [illegible]
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I am most happy to forward to you, on behalf of the officers and members of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis, an American Numismatic Association Educational Award Certificate for your presentation: "Money Issued In Our Missouri, 1800-1934", at our meeting of Monday, 26 May 1969.

As usual, news of your pending participation resulted in an attendance increase, there being present 105 members and guests. It is always interesting to note, and to be told by normal non-attending members, that they always make a special effort to be present when the eminent Eric P. Newman is to be with us!

As mentioned so many times before, we are most grateful, Eric, for your sustained interest in the welfare of our Society as evidenced so tangibly on so many occasions by your effective participation. All of us are well aware of the demands upon your talents and time, and appreciate the boost you give to our Society by your generous cooperation. Thank you most sincerely.

Our very best wishes, always.

Cordially,

Bernice Stevenson

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson,

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MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS
19 Roclare Lane
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16 September 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman, MNS #4
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Congratulations on your winning of the coveted American Numismatic Association's Farran Zerbe Award for 1969! Our members are very proud indeed of you, and want you to know that we are unanimous in our opinion that you richly deserve this highest of numismatic honors. Surely history will record you as one of the great numismatists of our time.

The numismatic fraternity is fortunate to have among its midst one so learned and dedicated to the pursuit of numismatic authenticity, the knowledge of which you share so generously with your fellow numismatists. Most surprising of all is the modesty with which you receive the homage accorded you.

Please accept the sincere congratulations of your fellow M.N.S. members, and our very best wishes for your continued success.

Cordially,

Bernice Stevenson

(Mrs.) Bernice Stevenson
Secretary

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 19, 1969

Missouri Numismatic Society
St. Louis, Missouri

Attention: Mrs. John Stevenson,
Secretary

Gentlemen:

It was unusually kind for the Club to send me congratulations on the Farran Zerbe award.

We have many members of the Club who participate in various ways to make numismatics a rich, cultural interest, and an exciting hobby, and, for the moment, I am the fortunate one to be selected by the American Numismatic Association.

The Club has a great opportunity to make the 1970 convention an unforgettable one by careful planning and a broad participation by all those in the St. Louis area who are interested in numismatics.

There is much work to be done to make the convention a success and I know the local members will derive great fun and satisfaction out of their work toward that goal.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 19, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson
19 Roclare Lane
St. Louis, Mo. 63131

Dear Bink and John:

The personal congratulations from the two of you are most meaningful and appreciated.

You indicated that if you had known about it earlier you would have stayed in Philadelphia rather than go to the wedding. Thus, we were both surprised; you because the wedding was called off and I because the award was presented. Imagine how it would have been if you had stayed for the award and the award was called off.

Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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